PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF

NEBRASKA,

HELD AT

STELLA, NEBRASKA, OCTOBER 7th-11th, 1896.

IN

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH,

REV. W. C. McCOOL, PASTOR.

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Trinity Lutheran Church, Stella, Neb., October 7th–11th, 1896.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in the Trinity Lutheran church, Stella, Neb., Rev. W. C. McCool, pastor, on Wednesday evening, October 7, 1896.

Owing to the fact that session of Synod is held in the charge of which the President is pastor, he designated the Secretary of Synod, Rev. L. P. Ludden, to preach the opening sermon. Text James v. 20.

After the sermon Mr. Horace Martin, in behalf of the church, homes and city of Stella, extended the cordial greetings to Synod. Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D., of Omaha, made a very happy and appropriate response on behalf of Synod.

FIRST DAY—FIRST SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

One-half hour was spent in devotional services. At the hour appointed Synod was formally called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the lay delegates enrolled.

Roll.

Clerical.	Entered Ministry.	Address.	Lay Delegates.
W. F. Eyster, D.D.	1841	Crete, Neb.	
W. C. Barnett, *a. e.*	1849	Archer, Neb.	
J. Zimmerman, *a. e.*	1856	Lincoln,, Neb.	
S. L. Aughey, LL. D., *a. e.*	1858	Lineville Ala.	
C. A. Fritze	1858	Hastings, Neb.	
J. G. Groenmiller	1858	Rockport, Mo.	
H. W. Kuhns, D. D.	1858	Omaha, Neb.	
W. A. Lipe	1860	West Point, Neb.	W. E. Krause, *a. e.*
B. Sickel, *a. e.*	1862	Rockport, Mo.	
H. Siekmann, *a. e.*	1862	Hastings, Neb.	
L. Groh	1863	Lincoln, Neb. (Wilber Charge)	E. A. Cary.
J. H. Link, *a. e.*	1865	Lincoln, Neb. (Waverly Charge)	U. J. Martz, *a. e.*
J. A. Clutz, D. D.	1872	Atchison, Kan.	
A. C. Gearhart, D. D.	1873	Lincoln, Neb.	
D. Z. Foulk	1873	North Platte, Neb.	
I. N. Augustine, *a. e.*	1874	Bartlett, Neb.	
W. H. Singley, D. D.	1876	Lincoln, Neb.	Dr. A. T. Peters.
R. W. Petrea	1876	Pawnee City, Neb.	John E. Webber.
Luther P. Ludden	1878	Lincoln, Neb.	S. C. Crounse.
H. A. Opsal, *a. e.*	1878	South Denver, Col.	
J. N. Zimmer	1878	Millard, Neb.	
G. H. Albright	1879	Lincoln, Neb.	
A. T. Ludwig, *a. e.*	1879	Allentown, Pa.	
W. Dieffenbach	1880	South Auburn, Neb.	Frederick Hoch, *a. e.*
Fred. Gafert	1880	Grand Island, Neb.	
G. W. Dell, *a. e.*	1885	Nebraska City, Neb.	G. H. Meyer, *a. e.*
Luther M. Kuhns	1885	Omaha, Neb.	Wm. Wilke.
W. C. McCool	1886	Stella, Neb.	W. H. Hogrefe.
A. J. Turkle	1886	Omaha, Neb.	
R. A. White	1886	Benedict, Neb.	
H. J. Hapeman	1888	Dakota City, Neb.	Geo. Blessing, *a. e.*
E. Bollman	1889	Davenport, Neb.	
J. C. McCaughey, *a. e.*	1890	David City, Neb.	
E. A. Roglin, *a. e.*	1890	Pleasant Valley, Neb.	
M. F. Schulz	1892	Yutan, Neb.	J. Bender.
W. C. Eckhart, *a. e.*	1892	Wayne, Neb.	Silas Melick, *a. e.*
L. J. Motschmann	1893	Beatrice, Neb.	Chas. Niehart.
J. W. Buzzard	1894	Tekamah, Neb.	C. Christenson, *a. e.*
J. S. Leamer	1894	Grand Island, Neb.	D. C. Zink.
C. J. Ringer	1894	Hardy, Neb.	
H. A. Wolfe	1895	Surprise, Neb.	
		St. Mark's, Omaha, Neb.	
		Roca	J. J. Stein.
		Ponca.	
		Sidney.	

a. e. Absent, excused.

President's Report.

Fathers and brethren of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. Grace and peace. "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully?"

In the providence of Almighty God we have passed through another year with its successes and failures, with its joys and sorrows, and are again assembled in this 24th annual convention of our Synod.

During the year God visited us and removed Rev. F. W. Scheibel from our midst in November, 1895, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

With gratitude in our hearts and a clear sense of our obligation and responsibility, let us begin the duties before us in reliance upon His counsel and in the fear of God.

I will now give you a statement of my official acts for your examination and endorsement.

I. DISMISSALS.

November 12th, I granted a letter of honorable dismissal to Rev. W. A. Dutton, to the Synod of Southwest Virginia.

November 30th, I dismissed Rev. John Jacob Albert, a licentiate of this Synod, to the Rocky Mountain Synod.

December 13th, I dismissed Rev. Paul B. Holtgreve to the Synod of Iowa.

January 25th, I granted a letter of dismissal to Rev. M. L. Kunkleman, dismissing him to the same Synod.

January 29th, Rev. A. Jatho, having complied with the action of this Synod, with reference to his absence at former meetings, and having made a sufficient explanation and apology, I granted him an honorable dismissal to the Synod of California.

June 23d, I dismissed Rev. G. H. Schnur to the Olive Branch Synod.

On the same date, I granted a dismissal to Rev. W. L. Remsberg to the Maryland Synod.

August 10th, I dismissed Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D., to the Synod of Kansas.

September 5th, I dismissed Rev. F. A. Hantel to the East Pennsylvania Synod.

January 20th, I granted an honorable dismissal to the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran congregation near Dakota City, Nebraska, Rev. J. H. Karpenstein, pastor, in order to unite with the German Synod of Nebraska.

February 26th, I dismissed the German Evangelical Lutheran congregation near Hooper, Nebraska, to unite with the German Synod of Nebraska.

II. RECEPTIONS.

May 28th, Rev. W. C. Eckhart placed into my hands a letter of honorable dismissal from the President of the Synod of Iowa. I ordered his name to be enrolled.

March 10th, Rev. E. Bollman handed me a letter of dismissal from the Synod of Northern Illinois. His name was enrolled.

June 9th, Rev. M. F. Schulz applied for admission into this Synod, and placed into my hands a letter of dismissal from the Maryland Synod. I ordered his name to be enrolled.

June 26th, Rev. J. W. Buzzard presented to me a letter of honorable dismissal from the President of the Kansas Synod, and asked to become a member of this body. His name was enrolled.

III. RESIGNATIONS.

January 16th, Rev. M. L. Kunkelman resigned the church in Wayne.

November 30th, Rev. Paul B. Holtgreve resigned the church at Stella.

February 1st, your President resigned Salem's Lutheran church, of Ponca, to take effect April 1st.

April 26th, Rev. W. L. Remsberg resigned St. Mark's congregation, Omaha, to take effect June 1st.

June 1st, Rev. G. H. Schnur resigned the work at Yutan.

October 1st, Rev. J. C. McGaughey resigned the congregation at David City, to go into effect November 1st.

IV. CALLS RECEIVED.

December 8th, Rev. L. Groh received and accepted a unanimous call to the church at Wilber, and began work at once.

February 9th, Rev. E. Bollman accepted a unanimous call tendered him by the Davenport charge, and at once began his labor among that people.

February 1st, your President accepted a call tendered him by the church at Stella, and began work April 1st.

May 1st, Rev. M. F. Schulz received and accepted a call from the church at Yutan, and entered upon his duties June 1st.

June 1st, Rev. J. W. Buzzard received a call tendered him by the Burt County charge, and began his work in that important field.

V. INSTALLATIONS.

But one installation was reported to me:

July 15th, Rev. J. W. Buzzard was installed pastor of the Burt County charge. Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., delivered both the charge to the pastor and the people, and performed the liturgical ceremony.

VI. VACANCIES.

The only vacancies reported to me are Ponca and Sidney. Wilber will be after November 1st, and David City after November 1st. The congregations reported vacant at the last meeting are so yet, and in many of them work has been permanently abandoned.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS.

Last October Rev. Luther M. Kuhns informed me that he was going east on business, and expected to attend the First National Convention of the Luther League of America, to be held in Pittsburg, Pa., at that time. I appointed him as delegate, and gave him proper credentials to represent our Synod at that important convention. He will be ready to report.

And now, thanking you kindly for the honor bestowed upon me a year ago for the third time, and for the uniform kindness and co-operation on your part, I hand back to you the trust committed to my charge. Hoping and praying that our Synodical Convention may be abundantly blessed to the glory of God and the advancement of His kingdom, I am,

Yours very sincerely, W. C. McCOOL,
President Synod of Nebraska.

Stella, Nebraska, Oct. 8, 1896.

The report was referred to the Committee.

Report of Treasurer of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

To the President and Members of the Synod of Nebraska:

Dear Brethren: Again I present to you the Treasurer's annual report, which covers the Synodical year 1895-6:

RECEIPTS.

On hand, September 1, 1895		$143 10
Received for Home Missions—		
Regular	$266 92	
Children's	125 03	
Cleveland	5 00	
		$396 95
" Foreign Missions—		
Regular	$182 55	
Children's	90 63	
		273 18

Received for Church Extension—			
	Regular	$167 61	
	Children's	78 98	
	Potter Church	4 00	
			250 59
"	General Synod		16 73
"	Nebraska Synod		85 94
"	Beneficiary Education		190 94
"	Board of Education		93 72
"	Midland College Contingent Fund		11 46
"	Carthage College Contingent Fund		4 00
"	Western Theological Seminary		100 00
"	Chicago Seminary		2 00
"	Orphans' Home		64 14
"	Pastors' Fund		38 88
"	Deaconess Board		17 23
"	National Lutheran Home		23 50
	Total		$1712 36

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Treasurer of H. M. Board		$396 95
" "	F. M. Board	273 18
" "	Church Extension Board	246 59
" "	Potter Church	4 00
" "	Education Board	193 72
" "	General Synod	29 77
" "	Chicago Seminary	2 00
" "	Orphans' Home	64 14
" "	Pastors' Fund	65 56
" "	Deaconess Board	17 23
" "	National Lutheran Home	23 50
" President	Midland College	11 46
" "	Carthage College	4 00
" Beneficiaries		227 00

Out of Synodical Treasury—		
Paid Lutheran Publication Society	$95 00	
" 5 orders of Synod	23 63	
" Postage and Exchange	11 50	
		130 13
On hand Sept. 10, 1896		23 13
Total as above		$1712 36

The balance on hand is in the following accounts:

Beneficiary Education	$19 89
Synodical Treasury	3 24
Total	$23 13

The accompanying book, in which all the accounts have been kept, and the 148 numbered receipt stubs, agreeing with the receipts given out and representing all the money received during the year, $1,569.26, and the 88 numbered vouchers, representing all that has been paid out, $1,689.23, and the tabulated exhibit—these all taken together—will show to your Auditing Committee in the clearest possible manner, the conduct and condition of the Synod's finances.

The method of managing the Treasurer's office is that which was introduced by the undersigned eleven years ago, the same having been followed continuously since that time. It is not the easiest method for the Treasurer, but the best for the Auditing Committee and the Synod, the checks against possible error being abundant.

And now, my friends, I thank you for the many courtesies you have shown me during the three years last past in which I have served you as Treasurer. I would even remember with pleasure also the former three years of similar service rendered.

But now, Mr. President, it is with unusual pleasure that I now pass the office of Treasurer, through your Auditing Committee, into the hands of my successor.

Very fraternally,

L. F. M. EASTERDAY,
Treasurer Synod of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 10, 1896.

Treasurer's Exhibit for Synodical

		Home Missions.			Foreign Missions.		Church Extension		
		Regular.	Children's.	Cleveland	Regular.	Children's.	Regular.	Children's	Potter Church.
1	Auburn	$6 30	$8 11		$5 00		$7 78		
2	Bartlett								
3	Beatrice	16 56			2 00	$12 88	12 88		
4	Benedict	2 88	5 00					$7 23	
5	Benedict, Bethel	2 00	2 26					4 71	
6	Dakota City	2 00	9 10		6 24	2 84	2 79		
7	Dakota County, Salem	13 00			6 00		3 00		
8	Dakota County, Homer	4 00			2 00		1 00		
9	Davenport						10 81		
10	David City	5 52			2 00		4 00		
11	Grand Island, English	6 00				2 00	3 00		
12	Grand Island, German	5 00			5 00		5 00		
13	Hardy	7 15	4 68					5 55	
14	Hastings	3 00			1 00		5 00		
15	Lincoln, Grace	19 00			16 00		14 10		
16	Lincoln, St. Mark's	6 89	14 57		3 96	3 71			
17	Nebraska City	12 59			11 00	6 00		5 00	
18	North Platte	4 66	25 47						
19	Omaha, Kountze Mem.	44 00	9 61		19 00	11 02	28 00	22 49	
20	Omaha, Grace	9 00			2 52		6 00		
21	Omaha, St. Mark's	9 08	8 67		4 48	9 40	13 88		
22	Omaha, St. Matthew's		4 06			9 97			
23	Pawnee City	11 65			9 00		7 24		
24	Pawnee County, Zion	4 00			3 00		3 03		
25	PawneeCo.,Clear Creek						1 84		
26	Pleasant Valley					4 00			
27	Ponca					5 25			
28	Roca		6 75					5 25	
29	Rising City		1 70		3 50		2 70		
30	Sabetha, Kansas	3 70			5 12		1 95		
31	Schuyler	4 00			2 00				
32	Sidney								
33	Stella	14 55			7 76		16 60		
34	Surprise		3 63		5 65		5 00		
35	Tekamah	4 00			1 00	6 00	2 00	5 38	
36	Waverly	3 00	2 63		7 57	92	2 00		
37	Wayne	4 11							
38	West Point	12 05	12 79		9 75	9 57		19 32	
39	Wilbur								
40	Yutan	13 00	6 00	$5 00	12 00	7 07	4 00	4 05	$4 00
41	Rev. Dr. Clutz								
42	Rev. Dr. Detweiler								
43	Rev. Dr. Eyster								
44	Rev. J. G. Groenmiller	10 00							
45	Rev. Dr. Kuhns	1 00					1 00		
46	Rev. H. Sickman				30 00				
47	Wayne Synod Collections	3 23					3 01		
	Totals	266 92	125 03	5 00	182 55	90 63	167 61	78 98	4 00

Lincoln, Neb., September 10, 1896.

Year 1895 and 1896.

General Synod	Nebraska Synod	Education.						Orphans' Home	Pastors' Fund	Deaconess Board	National Lutheran Home	Totals
		Beneficiary	Board of	Midland College Contingent Fund	Carthage College Contingent Fund	Western Theological Seminary	Chicago Seminary					
$1 00	$1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$29 19
56	9 45	$12 80	$6 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	$8 41	$6 40	$2 24	$3 20	94 18
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1 50	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
.....	8 62	15 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 53
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.....	1 00	3 91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 41	.....	.....	.....	20 73
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L. F. M. EASTERDAY, *Treasurer.*

The Treasurer made several statements referring to the condition of letters and papers on his files. By motion that part relating to the beneficiaries was referred to the Committee on Beneficiary Education to investigate and report to this session of Synod.

The Treasurer's Report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Election of Officers.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

President—Rev. Luther P. Ludden, Lincoln, Neb.

Secretary—Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, Omaha, Neb.

Statistical Secretary—Rev. H. A. Wolfe, Surprise, Neb.

Treasurer—Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, Lincoln, Neb.

Prof. Easterday declined to serve, and the rules were suspended and the Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of Synod for Mr. S. C. Crounse as Treasurer. The instructions were complied with and the President declared Mr. Crounse duly elected.

The following were received as advisory members:

Rev. H. L. Yarger, Atchison, Kansas, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

Rev. George Scholl, D. D., Baltimore, Md., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Des Moines, Iowa, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Prof. Rev. F. D. Altman, Atchison, Kansas, Professor in the Theological Seminary.

Revs. R. Neumaerker, F. J. Mueller, J. H. Dirks, Fred. Gensichen, and C. Goede, of the German Nebraska Synod.

Prof. L. F. M. Easterday was introduced as a visiting brother.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That we meet at 8:30 a. m. for devotional services, and for business from 9 to 11:45 a. m. and 2 to 5:30 p. m.

The bill of the President for $10.21 was allowed, and the officers of Synod instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer for that amount.

Rev. F. J. Mueller presented the fraternal greetings of the German Synod, the President making an appropriate response.

Adjourned with usual form.

FIRST DAY—SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened in the usual form.

The President announced the committees.

Report of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

1. *Benedict*—This charge remains under the pastoral care of Rev. R. A. White. The year has been a reasonably successful one. There have been some removals, but the accessions have about equaled them. The attendance at public services is reported good. The Sunday-schools are large and doing a good work. The Christian Endeavor work has been well maintained. The financial effort has been somewhat retarded by the repeated crop failures, but upon the whole the work is in a hopeful condition.

2. *Beatrice*—Rev. L. J. Motschmann remains the pastor in charge. The year has been marked by substantial growth materially and spiritually. The accessions have more than equaled the removals. Some advanced step has been taken in benevolence. The hard times have somewhat hindered the financial efforts, although the full apportionment was provided for the first seven months of the year. The Sunday-school is doing an excellent work, and the Christian Endeavor work is encouraging. The pastor feels encouraged and hopeful.

3. *Bloomington*—We know of nothing that has been done except what has been done by members of the German Synod. We have no report from them.

4. *David City*—Rev. J. C. McGaughey has been the pastor here. No report was presented to your Board, but we have learned indirectly that the year has been one of ordinary degree of success. The pastor has resigned, as we understand, on account of his wife's ill health, and will return east in the near future.

5. *Davenport*—This charge has come on the list of missions during the last year. Last February, Rev. E. Bollman accepted a call from the charge and entered upon the work with energy. Thirty-one members were added since that time. A new preaching station with good prospects was taken up four and one-half miles from the town. Sunday-school has an enrollment of 150, with an average attendance of more than 100. The prospects are very good for a large and flourishing charge in the near future. They are financially embarrassed, and by the continual crop failure the work has been much retarded.

6. *Franklin*—Nothing has been done here. The Board of Church Extension have had under their advisement the selling of the property, as the outlook for our church is not good.

7. *Kearney*—The latest information from this point is that the Board of Home Missions, who owned the property, have sold it. We endorse the action of the Board of Home Missions.

8. *Lexington*—We know of nothing that has been done here. The congregation has always been in connection with Kearney.

9. *Lincoln, St. Mark's*—Rev. W. H. Singley, D. D., is pastor of this mission. The year has been one of interest and hard work. The attendance upon all the services has been very good. The audiences are large and prompt. The Sunday-school is large and doing a solid work. The Luther League societies are earnest and devoted. The prayer meetings are well attended and full of interest. The only serious discouragement is their indebtedness upon the church property. It is to be hoped that some speedy relief may be brought to them.

10. *Lincoln, Grace*—Rev. L. P. Ludden still continues as pastor of this mission. The parochial report shows some advance. Their chapel has been painted during the year, and they have succeeded in not increasing the floating indebtedness.

11. *McCook*—Nothing has been done here during the year in the way of services. The church building is in a very bad and dilapidated condition. The Secretary of Synod recently visited it, and reports it as one of the very worst cases of vandalism that have come to his notice. The Board has a proposition from the Baptist people with a view of buying it. Whether such a sale has been made we cannot say.

12. *North Platte*—This is no longer a mission. January 1st they became self-sustaining. We congratulate the pastor and his people upon their successful efforts.

13. *Omaha, St. Mark's*—Rev. W. L. Remsberg resigned this mission last May. The congregation accepted the resignation with regret. The pulpit has been regularly supplied by Rev. J. N. Zimmer, and when not by him by Rev. Dr. Kuhns and Rev. Groh. The Sunday-school, prayer-meeting, and Young People's Society have been kept up with their usual interest. They are entirely out of debt, and are doing fully as well as can be expected under the circumstances. Rev. L. Groh has accepted a call from the congregation and will begin work November 1st.

14. *Pawnee City*—Rev. R. W. Petrea remains the pastor of this charge, which consists of Zion's, Pawnee and Clear Creek School House. The pastor, who is untiring and energetic, has been doing some work at Steinauer, which gives him three services every Lord's day. The work in the main is hopeful and encouraging. Ten new members were added in the spring. The Sunday-schools are interesting and large, and the Christian Endeavor is inspiring and hopeful.

15. *Sidney*—We have had no report from this mission. They have been vacant during the entire year, with but an occasional service. By frequent removals the congregation has been reduced in numbers so that by the continued crop failure they have felt unable to call a pastor. We note with pleasure that they are keeping up their Sunday-school and mid-week services as encouraging to our people here.

16. *Wayne*—This congregation became vacant last January by the resignation of brother Kunkleman. In April they extended a call to Rev. W. C. Eckhart, who at once began his labors among them. The congregation has been weakened by the frequent removals and by a few yielding to the solicitations of other and stronger churches to join them. The services are all well attended. The Sunday-school and Young People's Societies are doing a good work and are among the most hopeful features of this church.

17. *Wilber*—This important point was enrolled upon the list of missions during the year. November, 1895, Rev. L. Groh accepted a call tendered him by the congregation. He labored faithfully but under a great disadvantage. The Sunday-school is large and enthusiastic. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. The pastor resigned, to take effect November 1st. It is to be hoped a suitable man can be found to take up the work. We believe a great work is before us in Wilber.

18. *Omaha, Grace*—This church was placed on the list of missions during the year. In all respects this Synodical year, apart from the financial depression so seriously felt by the congregation, has been the best in the history of Grace church, putting it on a firm basis, concentrating and consolidating the work of the church as never before. The good is already apparent. The attendance upon the preaching services is good. A Luther League now conducts the Wednesday evening prayer-meeting with most happy results. Interest in the Sunday-school has increased, and the pastor is conducting a Normal Class in Bible studies, according to the recommendation of the State Sunday-School Association. The contract has been let and ground broken for the erection of a new church in place of the present frame chapel. It may be a matter of historical interest in connection with Synod to state that the ground-breaking occurred at 11 o'clock, October 7th. The prospects for this work are good.

19. *Hardy*—Hardy received aid from the Board. The pastor, Rev. C. J. Ringer, is laboring very faithfully and is doing good work, with success. The crop failures for the last several years have very much hindered the work of this people. The church property has been improved to the amount of $250. A class in the catechism, consisting of sixteen members, are being instructed in the fundamental doctrine of the Christian religion. Taking all things into consideration, the work is hopeful and encouraging.

20. *Grand Island*—Grand Island was taken up by the Board the 1st of November, 1895. The year's work has been encouraging, financially. The business lot, which involved the church, was finally disposed of for the amount of the mortgage that was upon it, and the church is in very fair condition. The year, in many ways, has been encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. McCOOL,
L. P. LUDDEN.

After the report had been considered, item by item, it was

adopted as a whole, with instructions to the Secretary to send a copy of it to the Board of Home Missions.

Synod adjourned in usual form.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 8:00 P. M.

The evening session was devoted to the important subject of Home Missions. Addresses were delivered by Rev. A. J. Turkle, Omaha, and Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

Collection, $7.33.

SECOND DAY—FIRST SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

The death of the Rev. F. W. Scheibel, in November, 1895, was announced, and Revs. Fred. Gafert and J. G. Groenmiller were appointed an Obituary Committee.

It was decided to elect a fraternal delegate to the German Nebraska Synod, and Rev. E. Bollman, Davenport, was chosen as the delegate.

Rev. L. P. Ludden was elected visitor to both Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary, Atchison, Kansas.

Report of Committee on North Platte Conference Minutes.

Your Committee on North Platte Conference would respectfully report that the minutes of the Conference are not here, and therefore cannot be examined. We learn, however, that last convention only four members attended, and little, or nothing, was done except the election of officers.

G. H. ALBRIGHT,
H. A. WOLFE,
S. C. CROUNSE.

Adopted.

Report on Luther League.

Mr. President and Brethren: As a matter of information, I would submit the following: I attended the First National Convention of the Luther League of America, held in the First Lutheran Church of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, October 30 and 31, 1895. Four hundred delegates were present, and the convention was most enthusiastic. Its doctrinal basis is the Word of God and the Aughburg Confession, the basis of our beloved church. Upon this basis, membership in the National League Convention is accorded any Young People's Society of whatever name, belonging to any Lutheran church. The second annual convention of the Luther League of America will be held in Chicago, November 17 to 20, 1896.

I would recommend:

1. That our pastors direct the attention of our Young People's Societies to this movement "In the Church for the Church," and encourage these societies, of whatever name, to send a delegate to the Chicago Convention next November.

2. That a committee of three be appointed who shall take the necessary steps toward organizing for Nebraska a State Central Luther League.

Respectfully submitted, LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Delegate to Pittsburg Convention.

Report received and recommendations adopted.

The Chair appointed as the Committee the following: Revs. Luther M. Kuhns, D. Z. Foulk, and Prof. D. F. Easterday.

At this time Synod proceeded to elect delegates to the meeting of the General Synod at Mansfield, Ohio.

Report of Auditing Committee.

Your Committee would report that they have examined the accounts and statements of the Treasurer, and find them correct in every particular. They show a balance in the hands of the Treasurer for the year 1895 and 1896 of $23.13. Since the closing of the financial year, the Treasurer has received the sum of $131.44, making the balance in his hands $154.57.

Very respectfully, D. Z. FOULK,
W. H. HOGREFE,
J. BENDER.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to Prof. L. F. M. Easterday for his long and faithful service as Treasurer of the Synod, and the efficient manner in which the accounts have been kept.

Report of Committee on Vacancies.

Your Committee find the following:

1. *Sidney.*—The Synod has already had Sidney under discussion, and it has been learned that the Board of Home Missions is looking after its interests, as they are possessed of full information of the conditions surrounding them. The difficulty mainly seems to be that they are unwilling to undertake their part of responsibility of the support of a pastor. We recommend that Synod urge them to secure a pastor as soon as possible, and that the President of Synod communicate with them informing them of this action.

2. *Ponca.*—This church has been vacant for some months, but we learn that they are taking steps to secure a pastor. We recommend that the President of Synod visit them as soon as it may be convenient for him, and do what he can to aid them in speedily securing a pastor.

3. *Wilber.*—The church here will soon be without a pastor, but is considering the matter of securing a temporary supply. In the meantime we recommend that the President be requested to give them early attention, giving them whatever aid he can.

4. *David City.*—We have no means of learning what may be the plans or purposes of this church as to securing a pastor. We recommend that the President give them early attention.

5. *Roca.*—We understand this church to be without a pastor, there being no one there to administer the sacraments and perform religious rites. We learn, however, that they are supplied with Bible reading and public services by a lady who lives among them. We do not know whether they want a pastor or not, but recommend that the President of Synod communicate with them to learn their wishes, and to aid them as far as he can.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. GEARHART,
W. A. LIPE,
J. J. STEIN.

Considered item by item, and adopted as a whole.

Report of Committee on Traveling Secretary.

Mr. President and Brethren: Your Committee on Traveling Secretary would report that they have been working quietly during the year on reducing the debt of the committee. The Treasurer's report is not at hand, but the rental of the house has provided for the taxes, insurance and repairs. The financial depression has been recognized by the committee, and no special effort has been made to reduce the indebtedness.

We recommend the committee be authorized to continue their efforts to liquidate the debt.

On behalf of the committee,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Secretary Com. on Trav. Sec'y.

Adopted.

Synod adjourned in usual form.

SECOND DAY—SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

Report of Committee on Letters and Papers.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers would report that the only communication placed in their hands is a letter from the President and Secretary of the Board of Education, calling attention to the nature and importance of this branch of our work, and asking the earnest and hearty support of this Synod for the Board and the Institutions under their care.

We recommend the following:

1. That this letter be read in open Synod, and made a part of our minutes.
2. That we assure the Board of Education of our sympathy and support.
3. That we rejoice in the establishment of the Western Theological Seminary and the facilities thus afforded for the full training for the ministry of young men of this territory, on the territory, for the territory.
4. That we pledge our cordial sympathy and support to Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary, that we welcome their representatives to our pulpits and congregations, and cordially recommend both these Institutions to the support and patronage of our people.

Respectfulty submitted,

JACOB A. CLUTZ,
L. GROH,
A. T. PETERS.

After a full discussion item by item, the report was adopted as a whole.

Letter of the Board of Education.

ABILENE, Kansas, September 29, 1896.

To the Nebraska Synod:

Dear Brethren: In the providence of God the logic of events is demonstrating two things:

1. The wisdom of the General Synod in her special effort to strengthen her educational work and to establish a theological seminary in the west. It is the nick of time with us, and we must not delay.
2. That the church needs to awake to the education of the people in her faith, and to the faithful scriptural training of a ministry for her pulpits. The logic of the State school will eliminate the religious factor from its work, and the church must have and maintain her schools or fail in her mission.

We, therefore, kindly and earnestly appeal to all the pastors and churches in your bounds to raise the full apportionment of ten cents per member. In the beginning of such an enterprise we can scarcely do with less.

May the Holy Spirit guide us all through the Word, keep us in communion

with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ, and make us faithful to our opportunity and responsibility in so important a matter.

Very fraternally yours, M. RHODES, *President.*
H. C. HAITHCOX, *Secretary.*

The hour designated by Synod for hearing the Secretaries of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions and Church Extension having arrived, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, Rev. H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and Rev. George Scholl, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, addressed Synod at length on behalf of the work of their respective Boards, to the interest and profit of both the congregation and Synod.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Year.

The 10th item of the published report of the delegates of this Synod (p. 14) to the last convention of the General Synod, states that a proposition to increase the number of Secretaries of Home Missions has been referred to the Board of Home Missions for consideration, the result to be reported to the General Synod at its next meeting for decisive action. It was recommended that this Synod consider this proposed change, and if it sees fit, give such instruction to its delegates to the next General Synod as its wisdom may suggest. The recommendation was adopted, but it does not appear that action on the question recommended was taken, or any instruction given on the subject to the delegates to be elected at this meeting of our Synod.

In the judgment of your present committee, the most intelligent and appropriate action on the question above stated can only be taken after further information to be supplied by the Board of Home Missions, and we recommend that our delegates to the next General Synod be left free to decide and act, in the question at issue, as shall appear to them wise and prudent in the light of all attainable facts.

A resolution of Synod recorded on page 20 of the minutes, refers to the provision of the Constitution of Synod, Section 2, Sub-division 3, requiring the Treasurer to furnish a bond.

It is for Synod to take such action as the Constitution requires in relation to the Treasurer it has elected to succeed the late faithful and efficient encumbent of that office.

Respectfully submitted, W. F. EYSTER,
FRED GAFERT,
J. E. WEBER.

Adopted.

On motion, it was decided to require the Treasurer to give bond according to Section 2, Sub-division 3. of the Constitution.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee submit the following:

We would recommend that the official acts recorded in the President's report be confirmed by Synod.

A. J. TURKLE,
J. S. LEAMER.

Adopted.

Adjourned in usual form.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 7:30 P. M.

The evening services were devoted to Church Extension and Christian Education. Rev. C. J. Ringer preached the sermon on Church Extension from the text Isa. liv. 2. After the sermon, Rev. F. D. Altman, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Atchison, Kansas, addressed Synod on the subject of Christian Education.

Collection, $6.00.

THIRD DAY—FIRST SESSION.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

Report of Beneficiary Education Committee.

Your committee would report that, during the year past, we have assisted Clarence Swihart, Sidney Wilson and William Kahse to pursue their studies for the gospel ministry in Midland College.

We have the three applications for assistance:

1. Clarence Swihart, a member of the sophomore class in Midland College, asks for $100.00.

2. William Kahse, a member of the middle preparatory class, asks for $60.00.

3. Otto L. Herse, of West Point, of the middle preparatory class, asks for $125.00.

Sidney Wilson is at home this year, with the consent of the committee, preparing with a private teacher for regular entrance to the sophomore class in Midland College. No assistance is asked from Synod.

We recommend that the Committee be authorized to assist these, not to exceed the following amounts: Clarence Swihart, $100.00; William Kahse, $60.00; Otto L. Herse, $125.00.

We recommend that twenty cents per member be apportioned to supply this fund, and that the pastors be requested to collect this money as early in the Synodical year as possible.

We further recommend that the Committee be authorized to assist, as far as the funds will allow, any other worthy young men who may present themselves during the year.

We further note with appreciation the work of the Treasurer, Prof. L. F. M. Easterday, in tabulating the moneys paid to beneficiaries during the last ten years, and we recommend the continuation of this work by the present Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. TURKLE,
LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
W. A. LIPE.

Adopted.

Subscription to Beneficiary Education in Addition to Apportionment.

Luther League of St. Mark's, Lincoln, Dr. A. T. Peters	$10 00
Rev. W. H. Singley, D. D., Lincoln	10 00
Luther League, North Platte, Rev. D. Z. Foulk	10 00
Y. P. S. C. E., Dakota Co., Rev. H. J. Hapeman	10 00
Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.	10 00

Delegates to General Synod.

CLERICAL.

Primarii.	*Secundi.*
Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D.,	Rev. H. J. Hapeman,
Rev. L. Groh,	Rev. W. C. McCool,
Rev. A. J. Turkle,	Rev. R. W. Petrea,
Rev. L. P. Ludden,	Rev. J. G. Groenmiller.
Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D.	Rev. G. H. Albright.

LAY.

Primarii.	*Secundi.*
W. H. Hogrefe,	Prof. L. F. M. Easterday,
John Frerichs,	J. A. Boggs,
H. J. Penfold,	George A. Crannell,
S. C. Crounse,	Dr. A. T. Peters,
O. P. Goodman.	Robert Weidensall.

Report of Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

Your Committee would report that nothing on this subject has come into their hands claiming their attention for special report. These interests have been fully cared for by our regular Boards on benevolent operations.

W. DIEFFENBACH.
W. H. SINGLEY,

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The following resolutions have been placed in the hands of your Committee, and they now have the pleasure of offering the same for your consideration:

1. *Resolved*, That in view of the approaching Melanchthon anniversary, the officers of Synod be instructed to arrange for some suitable observance of this event on the part of the churches of the Nebraska Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That we re-affirm our former deliverances on the evils of intemperance, and that we urge upon our people the duty of exerting their influence against the liquor traffic.

3. *Resolved*. That we look upon card-playing and dancing as dangerous amusements, and that we urge our people to refrain from these and other questionable amusements.

4. *Resolved*, That ministers of the Nebraska Synod be asked not to promise their people to return home and preach for them on the Sabbath while Synod is held.

5. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of Synod that our interests at Rockport, Missouri, demand immediate investigation, and that provision be made therefor by reference of this item to the officers of Synod with power to act.

6. *Resolved*, That the Secretary of Synod be instructed to have printed 600 copies of our minutes for distribution, at a cost not exceeding $75.00, including delivery.

7. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Synod be extended to the pastor and congregation at Stella for the very generous and pleasant entertainment provided during this convention of the Nebraska Synod, and that the President of Synod be requested to publicly make known this action to the congregation Sunday evening.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. SINGLEY,
E. BOLLMAN.

Considered item by item. Adopted.

Synod adjourned in usual form to meet at 1 p. m.

THIRD DAY—SECOND SESSION.

SATURDAY, 1 P. M.

Synod opened in usual form.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence.

Your Committee have granted the following brethren leave of absence at the time agreed upon by committee and applicants. Clerical, Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., A. C. Gearhart, D. D., L. J. Motschmann, W. A. Lipe, H. A. Wolfe, D. Z. Foulk, J. N. Zimmer. Lay, Charles Neihart.

Respectfully submitted,

W. DIEFFENBACH,
C. J. RINGER,
H. J. HAPEMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on State of Religion.

In presenting their report on the State of Religion within the bounds of Synod during the past Synodical year, your committee has had for its guidance and information only the condensed and meagre statements of the pastors in charge. While these statements convey to us much valuable and interesting information as to the nature, progress and results of the progress of the church within our bounds, they convey to us only partial and imperfect data on which to formulate any satisfying views. Indeed, the fullest and most complete reports that could be furnished from a merely human standpoint, must ever fail to exhibit the working and unfolding of that kingdom which our Lord declares is "within," and "cometh not with observation." Known only to the Omniscient is the complete and just view of the state of religion in any single human heart, or in the aggregation of souls. To every individual Christian and to every congregation the most solemn ordeal is not man's judgment, weak and fallible, but of Him who still rules amidst the churches as in the apocalypse of St. John, saying evermore, "I know thy works!" And yet it is permitted us to form some estimate of the state of religion in the churches by the visible fruits of the Spirit's gracious influences. When the means of grace are diligently and faithfully used, when the prayer-meeting is made the index of the church's real life, when the sacrament of the Holy Supper is regularly and devoutly celebrated, when the children of the church are given to God in holy baptism, and raised in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, when the young people by means of catechisation are instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy Christianity, when social meetings for prayer and praise, for young and old, as in the best days of primitive Christianity, are properly observed, when the Sunday-school is made the "nursery of the church," and sustained by the strong arm of the church, when a spirit of systematic beneficence and missionary activity and zeal pervade the churches, when a Christian profession is sustained and exemplified by a daily life in conformity to the mind and example of our Lord—when

these and other fruits of "faith and good works" abound, we have a right to infer that true and undefiled religion is present and progressive in our churches, in our homes, and in our lives.

Comparing these outward tokens of a work of grace with the reports of the pastors of Synod, we have mingled cause for joy and sorrow, for gratitude and humiliation. The word of truth has been faithfully preached during the past Synodical year, we trust, from every pulpit occupied by ministers of our Synod. The promise abides: "My word shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that whereunto I have sent it." Known only to God are the secret, converting, saving influences of that word; impossible for the preacher to see or fully know, or embody in a report to Synod. With stronger faith in God and His blessed word, it becomes us as ministers and members of the church He has loved and bought with His blood, to seek after larger measures of devotion, love and self-surrender, so that His kingdom may come within our hearts and throughout all our churches with a power and glory surpassing all our past experiences.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. KUHNS,
W. F. EYSTER,
J. G. GROENMILLER.

Adopted.

Report of Executive Council.

STELLA, NEB.

The Executive Council would report that during the year only one meeting was called. No business was transacted because of lack of a quorum.

For the Executive Council, LUTHER P. LUDDEN,
Secretary.

Adopted.

Report of Obituary Committee.

Your Committee have learned that brother Rev. F. W. Scheibel was called from his earthly labor in the Master's vineyard to his reward in the land of rest in his 84th year, in Franklin county, Nebraska, in the month of November, 1895. Brother Scheibel came to this country about twenty years ago, and settled in Franklin county, Nebraska. About the same time he united with the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. He worked faithfully, consistently and devotedly as a pastor amongst the scattered people of our faith as far as his bodily abilities would permit in an humble way. Brother Scheibel recently has not been able to attend the conventions of our Synod, but nevertheless remained active and faithful to our church. The Synod hereby expresses its Christian sympathy with the family of our departed brother; commending them to the merciful care of our heavenly Father.

J. G. GROENMILLER,
FRED. GAFERT.

The report was read and adopted, Synod rising and uniting in prayer with Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

	No. of Members	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Pastors' Fund	General Synod	Beneficiary Education	Synodical Treasury	Deaconess Board	National Lutheran Home	Totals
		20⅛	25⅞	20⅛	10	10	01¼	20	08	03½	05	
Per member		$11 48	$14 75	$11 48	$5 70	$5 70	$0 80	$11 40	$4 56	$1 99	$2 85	$70 71
Auburn	57	16 10	20 70	16 10	8 00	8 00	1 20	16 00	6 40	2 80	4 00	93 30
Lincoln, Grace	80	23 74	30 53	23 74	11 80	11 80	1 77	27 60	9 44	4 13	5 90	146 41
" St. Mark's	118	8 45	10 87	8 45	4 20	4 20	63	8 40	3 36	1 47	2 10	52 13
Pawnee City	42	1 81	2 33	1 81	90	90	14	1 80	72	32	45	11 18
" Zion	9	24 15	31 05	24 15	12 00	12 00	1 80	24 00	9 60	4 20	6 00	148 95
Stella, Trinity	120	12 07	15 55	12 07	6 00	6 00	90	12 00	4 80	2 10	3 00	74 48
Wayne, St. Paul's	60	7 85	10 09	7 85	3 90	3 90	59	7 80	3 12	1 37	1 95	48 42
Grand Island, English	39	9 05	11 65	9 05	4 50	4 50	68	9 00	3 60	1 58	2 25	55 86
" German	45	17 10	21 99	17 10	8 50	8 50	1 28	17 00	6 80	2 98	4 25	105 50
North Platte	85	22 94	29 50	22 94	11 40	11 40	1 71	22 80	9 12	3 99	5 70	141 59
Ponca	114	19 52	25 10	19 52	9 70	9 70	1 45	17 40	7 76	3 40	4 85	120 40
Davenport	97	9 66	12 42	9 66	4 80	4 80	72	9 60	3 84	1 68	2 40	59 58
Tekamah, Emanuel	48	6 44	8 28	6 44	3 20	3 20	48	6 40	4 16	1 12	1 60	41 32
" Grace	32	5 23	6 73	5 23	2 60	2 60	39	5 20	2 08	91	1 30	32 27
Roca, Zion's	26	13 88	17 85	13 88	6 90	6 90	1 04	13 80	5 52	2 42	3 45	85 64
Omaha, St. Mark's	69	12 68	16 30	12 68	6 30	6 30	95	12 60	5 04	2 21	3 15	78 21
" Grace	63	50 31	64 70	50 31	25 00	25 00	3 75	50 00	20 00	8 75	12 50	310 32
" Kountze Memorial	250	5 83	7 50	5 83	2 90	2 90	44	5 80	2 32	1 02	1 45	35 99
Sidney	29											

Report of Committee on Apportionment.—*Concluded.*

	No. of Members.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Pastors' Fund.	General Synod.	Beneficiary Education.	Synodical Treasury.	Deaconess Board.	National Lutheran Home	Totals.
Per member	.....	20⅛	25⅞	20⅛	10	10	01½	20	08	03½	05	
West Point	120	$24 15	$31 05	$24 15	$12 00	$12 00	$1 80	$24 00	$9 60	$4 20	$6 00	$148 95
Benedict, Zion	71	14 29	18 37	14 29	7 10	7 10	1 06	28 58	5 68	2 49	3 55	88 13
" Bethel	36	7 24	9 31	7 24	3 60	3 60	54	7 20	2 88	2 26	1 80	44 68
Hastings, St. Paul's	178	35 82	46 06	35 82	17 80	17 80	2 68	23 40	14 24	6 23	8 90	220 94
David City	43	8 65	11 10	8 65	4 30	4 30	65	8 60	3 44	1 51	2 15	53 37
Wilber	20	4 02	5 18	4 02	2 00	2 00	30	4 00	1 60	70	1 00	24 82
Yutan, Zion	74	14 89	19 15	14 89	7 40	7 40	1 11	14 80	5 92	2 58	3 70	91 85
Dakota City, Emanuel	40	5 08	10 35	5 08	4 00	4 00	60	8 00	3 20	1 40	2 00	29 65
" Salem	84	16 90	21 74	16 90	8 40	8 40	1 26	16 80	6 72	2 94	4 20	104 26
" St. Paul's	30	6 03	7 76	6 03	3 00	3 00	45	6 00	2 40	1 05	1 50	37 24
Rising City	21	4 22	5 43	4 22	2 10	2 10	32	4 20	1 68	73	1 05	26 06
Surprise	44	8 84	11 39	8 84	4 40	4 40	66	8 80	3 52	1 54	2 20	54 61
Beatrice	74	14 89	19 15	14 89	7 40	7 40	1 11	14 80	5 92	2 54	3 70	91 85
Waverly	46	9 25	11 90	9 25	4 60	4 60	69	9 20	3 68	1 61	2 30	57 09
Carlisle, St. Baul's	16	3 22	4 15	3 22	1 60	1 60	24	3 20	1 28	56	80	19 86
Bartlett	22	4 43	5 69	4 43	2 20	2 20	33	4 40	1 76	77	1 10	27 31
Erickson	7	1 41	1 82	1 41	70	70	11	1 20	56	25	35	8 68
Hardy	70	14 07	18 11	14 07	7 00	7 00	1 05	14 00	5 60	2 45	3 80	86 80
Pleasant Valley	60	12 07	15 53	12 07	6 00	6 00	90	12 00	4 80	2 10	3 00	74 48
Nebraska City	80	16 10	20 70	16 10	8 00	8 00	1 20	16 00	6 40	2 80	4 00	93 30

Adopted.

Respectfully submitted, R. A. WHITE, WM. WILKE, S. C. CROUNSE.

Report of Committee on Synodical Calendar.

[See Calendar.]

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Excuses.

The following members have sent in letters asking to be excused: S. L. Aughey, D. D., I. N. Augustine, W. C. Eckhart, J. C. McGaughey, J. Zimmerman, W. C. Barnett, E. Roglin, B. Sickel, J. H. Link, G. W. Bell. We recommend that they be excused. Also Rev. H. Siekman, who when he was just ready to start was taken sick, asks us through Rev. C. A. Fritze to have him excused. Your committee recommend that this brother also be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. PETREA,
L. J. MOTSCHMANN,
J. J. STEIN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on South Platte Conference.

Your Committee on the Minutes of South Platte Conference report that one session was held at Yutan, beginning April 14th. From the record they seem to have had a very interesting and profitable session. We find the following in the minutes: On motion, it was decided that the Secretary notify the brethren who have not written the Conference that Conference did not excuse them, and that they will be required to give their excuses to Synod. From the roll we learn that the following brethren were absent without excuse: Revs. Albright, Link, McGaughey, McCool, Dell, Dieffenbach and Wolfe. We recommend that their excuses be heard.

W. A. LIPE,
J. W. BUZZARD,
C. NIEHART.

Adopted with its recommendations, and the brethren named above were called upon to give their excuses. On motion, all were excused.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of Synod be a committee to provide suitable memorial services at the next meeting of Synod, in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization.

By ballot, Salem, Dakota county, was selected as the place for the next convention of Synod.

Resolved, That the time for the next convention be Wednesday evening, September 8, 1897.

Adopted.

Resolved, That when we adjourn it be to meet at the time and place selected.

Adopted.

The minutes were read and finally approved.

PREPARATORY SERVICE.

SATURDAY, 3:00 P. M.

The Preparatory Sermon, according to the appointment of Synod, was preached by Rev. R. W. Petrea, Pawnee City, Nebraska. Text: 1 John i. 9.

Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D., delivered his lecture on the Holy Land.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Baptist Church—a. m., Rev. W. Dieffenbach.
p. m., Rev. G. H. Albright.

Methodist Church—a. m., Rev. J. W. Buzzard.
p. m., Rev. R. W. Petrea.

Lutheran Church—11:00 a. m., Communion Sermon, Rev. W. H. Singley, D. D. Text: Matt. xxvi. 26–28.

10:00 a. m., Sunday-school, Rev. J. S. Leamer, Rev. E. Bollman.

7:30 p. m., Rev. Geo. Scholl, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

3:00 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor, Rev. H. W. Kuhns, D. D., Rev. L. P. Ludden.

6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor, Rev. R. A. White, Rev. H. J. Hapeman.

At the close of the address by Rev. Geo. Scholl, D. D., on Foreign Missions, the President publicly returned the thanks of Synod for the very pleasant entertainment of the convention by the pastor, members and friends of Trinity Lutheran church of Stella.

Collection, $7.13.

The President declared Synod formally adjourned, to meet, according to the action of Synod, in Salem Lutheran church, Dakota county, Nebraska, on Wednesday evening, September 8th, 1897.

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
Secretary.

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G. H. Albright, Lincoln.	No charge																					1
Isaac N. Augustine, Bartlett.	Ev. Luth., Bartlett Ev. Luth., Friesson Ev. Luth., Woodbach			1	1		1	2				1	4		22							2
Edwin B. Ilman, Davenport.	Christ's Carlisle Aurora					25	2	1		9 1	6	17 1	7		97 16	$3000 0	$2300 00	$325 00				3
J. W. Buzzard, Tekamah	Emanuel, Tekamah			1	1				7	2	1	3	3		48	1800 00		138 70				4
Jacob A. Clutz, D. D., Atchison, Kans.	Grace, Oakland Pres. Midland Col.								8	1					32	1600 00		70 00				5
Geo. W. Dell, 306 S. Ninth St., Nebraska City	First Lutheran	1		1	1	6	2	2		6	3	10	2		80	5 00 00		889 52				6
W. Dieffenbach, South Auburn	St. Paul's	1		1		1	1			4	11	9	2		57	35 0 00	225 92	257 60				7
W. C. Eckhart, Wayne, Wayne County	St. Paul	1		1				2	10	3	1	3			60	2000 00		30 00				8
David Z. Foulk, North Platte	First Evan Luth	1		2		6	1	1	6	16		3			85	9000 00		178 33				9
C. A. Fritze, Hastings, Adams Co.	St. Paul's Ev. Luth.	1	1	*1	1	26	16	1		72	1		1		178	1500 00	650 00	400 00				10
Fred. Gaffert, Grand Island	St. Paul's Ger. Ev. Lu.		1			2				77	3	11			45	2000 00	125 00	400 00				11
L. Grob, Omaha	St. Mark's	1		3				1	11			4	8		60	2500 00		768 46				12
H. J. Hapeman, Dakota City.	Emanuel	1		1						7	7	1		1	40	1300 00		344 49				13
	Salem	1		1	1		2			2	5	1	1		84	4000 00		619 50				14
	St. Paul's									4					30	1000 00		315 00				15

*Bible Lessons every week.

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16	1	10	80	22 31	12 04	58	8 08	12 07	46	2 48	12 00	7 24	2 79	3 10	6 2[illegible]	$39 79	3 10	1 08	.....	1 55	100 00	180 83	524 28
17	1	12	95	40 00	.....	98	50 00	10 00	1 00	6 00	15 00	6 00	3 00	4 25	15 00	..	5 00	.....	1 50	2 50	100 00	187 25	776 75
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H. W. Kuhns, Omaha	No Charge.....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	....	12	....	....	3	..	....	....	.....	.....	19
Luther M. Kuhns, 269 Pierce St., Omaha	Grace	1	..	1	.	13	....	1	2	7	1	1	....	..	63	$9000 00	$200 00	$1000 00	28
J. S. Tanner, Grand Island....	St. Paul's.....	1	1	1	..	10	1	1	....	4	1	7	1	..	39	5000 00	600 00	750 00	29
W. A. Lipe, West Point.....	Grace Lutheran . .	1	..	3	1	17	2	1	7	5	2	10	2	..	120	5000 00	305 00	1190 62	30
Luther P. Ludden, Lincoln	Grace	1	..	3	..	15	....	2	3	10	1	7	7	..	80	5800 00	4800 00	813 96	31
W. C. McCool, Stella	Trinity Ev. Luth.....	1	..	1	1	....	3	3	10	....	10	7	9	..	120	5000 00	.....	629 00	32
J. C. McGaughey, David City ..	Trinity	1	..	..	..	18	....	....	....	4	1	1	..	3	43	3500 00	325 00	*404 12	33
L. J. Motschmann, Beatrice	Trinity	1	..	3	1	12	2	5	1	2	7	9	1	4	74	8000 00	2175 00	881 93	34
R. W. Petrea, Pawnee	Zion's.....	1	1	..	..	....	....	5	1	1	....	....	....	....	9	2000 00	380 00	125 00	35
C. J. Ringer, Hardy	Pawnee.....	1	1	1	..	....	....	2	4	3	8	2	....	....	42	1000 00	.....	250 00	36
Regular services conducted by Mrs. Easterday. Ministerial acts performed by visiting clergymen	Union Lutheran.....	1	1	2	..	16	1	4	...	3	3	5	3	..	70	2500 00	.....	500 00	37
E. Reglin, P. O. Pleasant Valley, Dodge Co	Zion's Luth., Roca...	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	..	26	2500 00	.....	249 31	38
Till June 1, G. H. Schnur. From June 1, Max F. Schulz, Yutan, Saunders Co.	Evan. Lutheran.....	1	..	..	..	6	2	....	...	12	....	6	....	..	60	.....	.....	75 52	39
W. H. Singley, D. D., Lincoln ..	Zion's.....	1	..	3	1	3	1	3	....	20	...	1	....	2	74	4000 00	.....	563 00	40
A. J. Turkle, 16th and Harney Sts., Omaha	St. Mark's	1	..	3	..	40	2	4	....	4	6	12	11	1	118	18000 00	5040 00	1062 22	41
	Kountze Memorial..	1	1	2	..	30	5	7	....	15	4	27	7	3	250	132000 00	25000 00	5258 00	34

*Sunday-school, $21.80; Endeavor, $17.26; Hymnals, $9.36.

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25	1	7	89	21 80	.....	23	17 20	.....	.....	.....	10 57	3 60	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	22 67	426 79
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33	1	16	150	99 68	23 28	80	56 82	15 00	1 25	2 75	21 46	11 38	.....	5 00	2 00	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	104 84	1167 06
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R. A. White, Benedict Wilber (Vacant)	Zion	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	1	4	3	1	1	71	$3000 00	$235 00	$279 51				32
	Bethel	1	..	1	..	8	..	..	3	2	..	..	2	..	22	1800 00	.....	132 69				33
	First Lutheran	1	1	..	2	20	..	..	..	..	17	2	2	2	44	2500 00	175 00	672 00				34
H. A. Wolfe, Surprise Ponca (Vacant)	Zion's	1	..	..	..	13	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	1	21	2500 00	300 00	400 00				35
	1st English (Rising)	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5000 00	700 00	300 00				36
	Salem's and Immanuel's	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....				37
Sidney (Vacant)	Trinity	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....				38
W. F. Eyster, D. D., Crete	No Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....				39
A. C. Gearhart, D. D., Lincoln	No Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....				40
J. G. Groenmiller, Rockport, Mo.	No Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....				41
J. N. Zimmer, Millard	No Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....				42
J. Zimmerman, Lincoln	No Charge	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	.....				43
Totals for 1896		40	10	41	9	318	48	69	76	313	104	167	71	19	2323	$256300 00	$43595 92	$22052 88				47
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1	1	16	140	$820 00	$3 00	12	$30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$67 88	.....	$67 33	$82 84	.....	.....	.....	$83 90	.....	.....	.....	$823 85	$6301 36				
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36	407	3292	1551	87	8517	51	942	8615	68	1599	07	819	98	892	68	400	98	307	73	289	37	106	79	246	71	285	58	41	10	671	86	15	73	818	70	567	81	2291	31	24159	87
43	448	3960	1759	10	466	63	878	619	30	176	37	39	06	108	64	362	44	253	37	261	89	119	94	268	72	418	30	63	43	82	77	16	46	.....	.....	911	91	2856	56	20199	09
79	855	7252	3310	97	8983	114	1820	9234	98	1775	44	859	04	1000	62	762	98	561	10	550	26	226	73	514	73	704	88	104	53	753	63	31	19	818	70	1479	72	5148	53	44358	96